

Gloria Valencia-Weber, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2011.

Benjamin B. Tucker, of New York, to be Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Kenyan Ray Brown, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Neil H. MacBride, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Benjamin B. Wagner, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California for the term of four years.

Steven Gerard O'Donnell, of Rhode Island, to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island for the term of four years.

Jane Branstetter Stranch, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

David C. Gompert, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

Edward Milton Chen, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Dolly M. Gee, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Richard Seeborg, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Thomas I. Vanaskie, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

8 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, and Navy.

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**Record Votes:** Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—270) Pages S8945, S8961–64, S8967

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9061.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AVIATION SAFETY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine aviation safety, focusing on the relationship between network airlines and regional airlines, after receiving testimony from Steve Dickson, Delta Air Lines, Atlanta, Georgia; Don Gunther, Continental Airlines, Inc., Houston, Texas; Peter M. Bowler, American Eagle Airlines, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas; and Phil Trenary, Pinnacle Airlines Corp., Memphis, Tennessee.

### SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH PROGRAM

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine waste, fraud, and abuse in the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program, focusing on successes and challenges, data collection issues that affect program monitoring and evaluation, and how agencies make eligibility determinations for the program, after receiving testimony from Patricia A. Dalton, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Thomas J. Howard, Acting Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Allison C. Lerner, Inspector General, National Science Foundation; and Alfred J. Longhi, Jr., New York, New York.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John R. Norris, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2012, who was introduced by Senators Grassley and Harkin, Jose Antonio Garcia, of Florida, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy, who was introduced by Senators Nelson (FL) and Martinez, and Joseph G. Pizarchik, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### CLIMATE CHANGE AND CLEAN ENERGY

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate change and clean energy, after receiving testimony from Jon Wellinghoff, Chairman, Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission; David Sandalow, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Policy and International Affairs; Thomas L. Strickland, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Fred Krupp, Environmental Defense Fund, New York, New York; and William J. Fehrman, MidAmerican Energy Company, Des Moines, Iowa.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John R. Fernandez, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, and Gary S. Guzy, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Environmental Quality.

#### UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine the United States Postal Service, focusing on its financial condition and outlook and the Government Accountability Office's decision to place the Postal Service's financial condition on the High-Risk List, after receiving testimony from John E. Potter, Postmaster General, and David C. Williams, Inspector General, both of the United States Postal Service; Ruth Y. Goldway, Commissioner, Postal Regulatory Commission; Nancy H. Kichak, Associate Director for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management; Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Fredric V. Rolando, National Association of Letter Carriers, William Burrus, American Postal Workers Union, and Dale Goff, National Association of Postmasters of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.; James West, Williams-Sonoma Inc., San Francisco, California; and Mark Suwyn, NewPage Corporation, Miamisburg, Ohio.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.J. Res. 14, to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the Federal Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States;

H.R. 1129, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide an annual grant to facilitate an iron

working training program for Native Americans, with an amendment; and

S. 443, to transfer certain land to the United States to be held in trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, to place land into trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

#### NATIVE HAWAIIAN GOVERNING ENTITY

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1011, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, after receiving testimony from Sam Hirsch, Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Haunani Apoliona, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Micah A. Kane, Hawaiian Homes Commission, both of the State of Hawai'i, and Robin Puanani Danner and Steven J. Glenn, both of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, all of Honolulu; Stuart Minor Benjamin, Duke Law School, Durham, North Carolina; and H. Christopher Bartolomucci, Hogan and Hartson L.L.P., Washington, D.C.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of David J. Kappos, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Steven M. Dettelbach, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, Carter M. Stewart, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and David Edward Demag, to be United States Marshal for the District of Vermont, all of the Department of Justice.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution ordered favorably reported S.J. Res. 7, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the election of Senators.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant, of Wisconsin, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, who was introduced by Senators Feingold and Kohl, and Peggy E. Gustafson, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, who was introduced by Senator McCaskill, both of the Small Business Administration, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.